

Mangalore by railway and thus promote the prosperity of the country.

Reply of Government.—Is under consideration.

SUBJECT No. 148.

A Railway line in the Chitaldrug District.

Messrs. Lingappa, Chitaldrug municipality, Sanjiva Rao, Chitaldrug taluk and C. Channakesaviah, Krishi Silpabhi Varadhaka Samaj, Chitaldrug.

Summary of discussion.—A Railway line may be opened from Chikjajur to Bellary *via* Chitaldrug, Challakere, Molakalmuru and Rayadurg, as this will facilitate trade.

The District Board are not able to contribute any portion of the capital cost but they will guarantee interest by levying a Railway cess. People are too poor to subscribe for debentures.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 149.

Special officers to supervise the affairs of the Mysore Railway.

Mr. B. V. Narayana Rao, Hosdurga taluk.

Summary of discussion.—As three-fourths of the receipts from the Mysore Railway main line goes to our Government, it is better if some supervising officers are appointed by the State to prevent loss to the State Revenue and to enquire into all unnecessary annoyances and inconveniences which the Company's servants often cause to passengers. The supervising officers may be made to travel by rail now and then and to enquire after the convenience of the passengers.

Reply of Government.—All that is possible is being done.

SUBJECT No. 150.

Intermediate classes in the Bangalore-Mysore Railway.

Mr. A. Narasimhaiya, Malvalli taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The introduction of the *Intermediate class* carriages in the *Mysore-Bangalore Railway line* will afford convenience to the passengers. The Railway authorities may kindly be addressed in the matter.

Reply of Government.—The Railway authorities will be addressed in the matter.

SUBJECT No. 151.

Through carriages between Bangalore and Shimoga.

Mr. S. R. Balakrishna Rao, Shimoga municipality.

Summary of discussion.—A through carriage may be ordered to be run bothways between Bangalore and Shimoga. Such a carriage is being run on the Miraj-Kollapur section in the mail trains.

Reply of Government.—Desirable. The Railway authorities will again be addressed in the matter.

SUBJECT No. 152.

The inconvenience of 3rd class passengers in railway carriages.

Messrs. T. M. Siddappa, Mysore taluk, Honnalige Gowda, Gubbi taluk and Krishna Iyer, Commercial Association, Bangalore.

Summary of discussion.—Whenever a large number of people have to travel by rail to places where jattras and other gatherings are held, the railway authorities thrust in 10, or even 12 passengers in 3rd class compartments in spite of the rule that no more than 4 passengers should be seated on each seat. Very often 3rd class passengers are thrust into waggons just like sheep, and the passengers are thereby put to loss and trouble. Though these passengers contribute largely to the Railway income yet they have little convenience. It is therefore prayed

that the Railway authorities may be addressed regarding provision of convenience to 3rd class passengers.

To obviate over-crowding, carriages may be kept in reserve at convenient stations.

Reply of Government.—The Railway authorities will again be addressed in the matter.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL BOARDS.

(Nos. 153 to 155.)

SUBJECT No. 153.

Measures to foster and stimulate Local Self-Government.

(a) Mr. H. V. Rangaswami, Hassan taluk.

(b) Mr. S. Venkatesiah, Hassan District Agricultural and Industrial Association.

(c) Mr. Girmaji Rao, Kolar taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(a) Appropriate measures may be adopted with a view to foster and stimulate Local Self-Government in the State, and thereby convert the existing Local and Municipal Boards into living and useful institutions in the Government of the State.

(b) It is desirable to appoint non-official gentlemen as Presidents of Municipalities. The experiment may be tried at the district headquarters.

(c) Municipal councils may be allowed to elect their Vice-Presidents.

Reply of Government.—(a) and (b) A special committee is considering the subject.

(c) Noted.

SUBJECT No. 154.

The utilization of 75 per cent of Local Funds for works of improvement in the same taluk.

Mr. Suryanarayanasetty, Arkalgud taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The allotment from the District Funds to the taluks is inadequate for their requirements. The receipts of one taluk are being utilised for works in another. Orders may be passed for utilising at least 75 per cent of the receipts of the taluk on works of improvement decided upon by the Taluk Board concerned.

Reply of Government.—A special committee is considering the subject.

SUBJECT No. 155.

Lapsed amounts in Unions.

Mr. Nadig Bhima Rao, Channagiri taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Allotments made for works in a Union lapse to the District Fund, if they are not spent before the end of the year. The lapsed sum is not necessarily reallocated to the same Union during the next year. This may be remedied.

Reply of Government.—Under consideration.

MEDICAL.

(Nos. 156 to 160.)

SUBJECT No. 156.

Free medical aid to poor raiyats.

Mr. Krishnamurti Rao, Magadi taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The Sub-Assistant Surgeons in charge of taluk and village hospitals may be made to visit poor raiyats at their homes in villages free of charge, as they do in the case of Amildars and other high paid officers who can afford to pay.